

# Bicycle Trails in Michigan State Parks

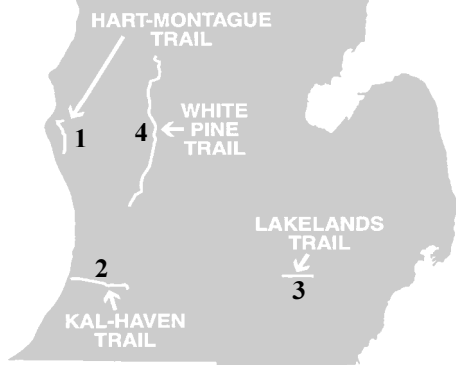


There is no better bicycling country than Michigan's scenic and rolling two peninsulas located in the heart of the Great Lakes Basin. There are plenty of trails for bicyclists of all ages, types, and skill levels, as well as plenty of space to rest and camp. Michigan's total coastline length is second only to Alaska. Michigan also has 11,000 lakes and 36,000 miles of rivers and streams, which puts bicyclists, no matter where they are in the state, within 20 minutes of water. The state's more than 700 registered historical sites offer an unhurried view of the past. Autumn color, fishing, swimming, and boating are all within close range of the bicyclist.

Bikes are allowed on all paved roads in all 96 state parks and recreation areas. Some parks and recreation areas also have paved bike pathways connecting park, day use, and camping areas with one another. A bike path is different from a mountain bike trail. While bike paths are paved or hard surfaced and tend to be quite smooth, mountain bike trails tend to consist of a more rugged terrain, characterized by a natural soil surface, narrower trail width, and changing slopes and gradients. These distinctions should be noted before you prepare to take a trip to one of the state parks and use the mountain bike trails. Motor vehicle permits are required to enter the parks. Please stay on the marked trails when riding your bicycle and please use trail courtesy when on the trails.

State Park	Other Trail Uses					Total Length of Available Trails	Trail Surface	Park Contact
	hiking	hunting	cross-country skiing	snowmobiling	horseback riding			
1 Bald Mountain Recreation Area	x	x	x	x		14.5 miles	Natural	1330 E GREENSHIELD ROUTE 1 LAKE ORION MI 48360 Phone No. (248) 693-6767
2 Bass River Recreation Area	x	x				4.0 miles	Natural	104TH AVE GRAND HAVEN MI 49417 Phone No. (616) 798-3711
3 Brighton Recreation Area	x	x				14.1 miles	Natural	6360 CHILSON ROUTE 3 HOWELL MI 48843 Phone No. (810) 229-6566
4 Fort Custer Recreation Area	x	x	x	x	x	20.0 miles	Natural	5163 W FORT CUSTER DRIVE AUGUSTA MI 49012 Phone No. (616) 731-4200
5 Hartwick Pines State Park	x	x	x			7.5 miles	Natural	4216 RANGER ROAD GRAYLING MI 49378 Phone No. (517) 348-7068
6 Highland Recreation Area						16.0 miles	Natural	5200 EAST HIGHLAND ROAD WHITE LAKE MI 48383 Phone No. (248) 685-2433
7 Holly Recreation Area	x	x				5.0 miles	Natural Gravel	8100 GRANGE HALL ROAD HOLLY MI 48442 Phone No. (248) 634-8811
8 Ionia Recreation Area	x	x				9.0 miles	Natural	2880 DAVID HIGHWAY IONIA MI 48846 Phone No. (616) 527-3750
9 Island Lake Recreation Area	x	x	x	x		13.0 miles	Natural	12950 EAST GRAND RIVER BRIGHTON MI 48116 Phone No. (810) 229-7067
10 Maybury State Park	x		x			3.8 miles	Natural	20145 BECK ROAD NORTHVILLE MI 48167 Phone No. (248) 349-8390
11 North Higgins Lake State Park	x		x			10.0 miles	Natural	11252 N HIGGINS LAKE DRIVE ROSCOMMON MI 48653 Phone No. (517) 821-6125
12 Ortonville Recreation Area	x	x	x			4.0 miles	Natural	5779 HADLEY ROAD ROUTE 2 ORTONVILLE MI 48462 Phone No. (248) 627-3828
13 Pinckney Recreation Area	x	x	x			24.5 miles	Natural	8555 SILVER HILL ROUTE 1 PINCKNEY MI 48169 Phone No. (734) 426-4913
14 Pontiac Lake Recreation Area	x	x			x	10.1 miles	Natural	7800 GALE ROAD WATERFORD MI 48327 Phone No. (248) 666-1020
15 Rifle River Recreation Area	x	x	x			14.0 miles	Natural	PO BOX 98 2550 E ROSE CITY ROAD LUPTON MI 48635 Phone No. (517) 473-2258
16 Waterloo Recreation Area-Portage Lake Unit	x	x			x	5.0 miles	Natural	16345 MCCLURE ROAD CHELSEA MI 48118 Phone No. (734) 475-8307
17 Yankee Springs Recreation Area	x	x		x		13.0 miles	Natural	2104 GUN LAKE ROAD MIDDLEVILLE MI 49333 Phone No. (616) 795-9081

# Michigan Linear State Parks



Motor vehicle permits are not required to enter and park at the linear state parks. However, Hart-Montague Trail State Park, Kal-Haven Trail State Park, and Lakelands Trail State Park each operate under a trail fee system that is outlined as follows:

Daily Fee	\$2.00 per individual	\$5.00 per family
Annual Fee	\$10.00 per individual	\$25.00 per family

## 1 Hart-Montague Trail State Park

9679 WEST STATE PARK RD MEARS MI 49436  
Phone # (616) 873-3083

A former route of the C&O railroad, the trail is paved with asphalt. It is a 22 mile path which passes through rural, forested lands. Scenic overlooks and picnic areas are located along the trail. Other trail uses include hiking, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing. Motor vehicles can be parked at either trailhead at Hart or Montague, or at various localities along the trail. The trail is accessible from Hart and Montague, as well as from communities between the two cities along US-31. The trailhead in Hart is located at US-31 and Polk Road. The trailhead in Montague is located off of Stanton Road or Business 31.

## 2 Kal-Haven Trail State Park

23960 RUGGLES RD SOUTH HAVEN MI 49090  
Phone # (616) 637-4984

A 34-mile crushed limestone slag path connecting South Haven and Kalamazoo, the trail is located along the former right-of-way of the Penn Central Railroad. The trail meanders through wooded areas, past farm lands, and over rivers and streams. Trail highlights include a camelback bridge and a covered bridge. There is parking available at either trailhead or in localities along the trail. Vault toilets and water are available. To reach the Kalamazoo trailhead, take US-31 north of Kalamazoo to M-43. Drive west on M-43 a quarter of a mile, and drive north on 10th Street for about two miles. To reach the South Haven trailhead, take BR-196 to exit 22 (North Shore Drive) and head west a quarter of a

mile to Blue Star Highway. Go south on Blue Star Highway for one mile and look for signs.

## 3 Lakelands Trail State Park

8555 SILVER HILL RT 1 PINCKNEY MI 48169  
Phone # (734) 426-4913

This 13-mile crushed slag trail connects Stockbridge and Pinckney, passing through wooded areas and rolling farmland. It offers a spectacular view of the surrounding landscape. Hikers and horseback riders also use the trail for recreation. There is parking available at the trailheads and in localities along the trail. The Stockbridge trailhead is located on M-52 in Stockbridge. The Pinckney trailhead is located a quarter mile north of M-36 on D-19 in Pinckney.

## 4 White Pine Trail State Park

PO BOX 2810 RT 2 BALDWIN MI 49301  
Phone # (616) 745-2888

The newest in the system, this gravel and crushed cinder trail will be 92 miles long when completed and will connect Grand Rapids and Cadillac. A 41-mile section is currently open from Cadillac to Big Rapids. Call ahead for sections that are open for use. Besides mountain bikers, hikers, cross-country skiers, and snowmobilers use the trail. There is plenty of parking at the trailheads and along the trail, as well as access to vault toilets and water. To reach the Big Rapids trailhead, take US-131 to Big Rapids, exit (139). Take M-20 east to the depot building. To reach the Cadillac trailhead, take US-131 north to the M-115 exit and go northwest for a half mile. Take North 41 Road one mile north to North 44 Road. Go west on North 44 Road approximately a half mile.

### Tips for Safe Cycling

**Intersections** — Always be alert at intersections for traffic conflicts. Left turns by cyclists and right turns by motorists are the biggest problems confronting the cyclist.

**Parked Cars** — Watch for cars pulling into traffic from a parked position, driveway, or street. Be careful of opening doors and pedestrians getting out of their cars.

**Laws** — Obey all traffic control devices, such as stop signs, traffic signals, one-way streets, etc., as if you were operating a motor vehicle.

**Riding** — Ride to the right side of the road if possible. Don't show off by stunting or weaving in traffic.

**Right-of-Way** — Rules for right-of-way that apply to motorists also apply to bicyclists. Always give pedestrians the right-of-way.

**Visibility** — Wear bright clothing when riding at dusk or dark and use a white light in front and a red reflector in the rear of your bike. Added reflective material on your clothing and bicycle is recommended when riding after sundown.

**Helmet Use** — Most fatalities and serious injuries to cyclists are the result of head injuries. Always wear a Snell or ANSI approved helmet.

**Hunting Precaution** — Be aware that trails do pass through areas open to hunting during designated hunting seasons. There will be signs along the trail that mark hunting areas.

**\*\*These safety precautions provided by MDOT\*\*("Biking in Michigan" brochure)**

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